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By Congressman Andrew Edmiston

CCC WORK

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Foot paths have been constructed in the park leading the traveler to the different spots of interest in the park. All of the graves have been carefully outlined with rocks, the old breastworks have been restored and paths lead to all of the monuments, and throughout the park area. Thousands of trees have been planted by the enrollees, principally Spruce, hemlock, whitepine and walnut. In time these trees will add much to the scenic beauty of the park.

Within a few weeks, another beauty spot in the park will be open to the public. This is the lookout house on the point east of camp, overlooking the Greenbrier Valley. When completed, this log observation tower will afford visitors the best scenic view in this vicinity.

The system of roads of the park are very well constructed and one can now drive to all of the points of interest, entering one portal and going out the other. All of the work in the park has been done by the CCC boys under the able direction of Supt. Kelley and the following foresters: Bruce Conrad, L. A. Remage Joe McMillion, Charles Hanrahan, Arthur Sharp, Joe White, Harry Gum, F. H. Wilfong and M. L. Lilly.

Camp Price and the entire park are always open to visitors, and on weekends or holidays, enrollees will be glad to point out the points of interest, both historical and scenic. If you have not yet visited the park, come and see it.

August 14, 1933

# ON THE JOB



## CANNON BALL TOPS

For the last four issues, the Cannon Ball has received a four star rating in the National CCC paper, Happy Days, thus making it one of the first ten camp papers in the United States. Since the first edition came out last October, the Cannon Ball has never been rated less than three stars.

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## MR. WORKMAN TO GO ON VACATION

Mr. Workman, Educational Adviser, has been given an eight day leave of absence starting August 22nd. He will go to Huntington to spend his vacation visiting his family and friends. On the 28th of the month he will go to Columbus, Ohio, to attend a meeting of Fifth Corps Area Educational Advisers. He will return to camp the 1st of Sept.

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## LIFE SAVING

### CARDS ARRIVE

Two cards arrived in camp this week with writing on them to signify that their holders had passed the Senior Red Cross Life Saving examination. One of the cards had Olin Riffle's name on it while the other bore Bill Fish's name. Olin was presented with his, but Bill's had to be sent to him, as he had recently gone home to finish his schooling. They took the course at Lake Seneca.

## WHO'S WHO



## GLEN WILLIAMS

Glen "Greasy" Williams was born at Trout, W. Va. February 17th, 1914. He has lived there all his life. "Greasy" graduated from High School in 1933 and entered the CCC in the same year. After a conditioning period at Fort Knox, he was sent to Camp Seneca, coming here with the cadre last July. He has been first cook since he entered camp and he surely knows his onions or that is his cooking. He is the camp baker and his pies and cakes taste just as good as the ones that mother used to make. He is taking a course in Guitar playing, but to hear him once you wouldn't believe that he needs it. Nick Lucas doesn't have a thing on him. His greatest ambition is to play a guitar in an orchestra. A great hand with the girls his interest has been in the town of Buckeye for some time. The Delmore Brothers are his favorite radio stars.

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# FIRST AID NEWS

Paul Campbell was transferred from Marlington to the Station Hospital at Fort Hayes last Saturday. Campbell was suffering with a back ailment.

There have been three lost time accidents so far this month. Bourbon Dean, William Call, and Ira Dean. Call had a bout with a cross cut saw and received the worst end of the encounter, suffering a severe laceration of his right elbow. Ira made a mislick with his ax and cut a gash in his foot. Bourbon bruised himself in the groin while getting off a truck. This is a new high for accidents in any one month in the history of the camp.

With our menus featuring sliced tomatoes quite frequently lately, many boys have reported to the Dispensary with a rash on different parts of their anatomy. They seemed to believe that it was either poison or the itch, but in all cases it turned out to be nothing but the after effects of eating too many tomatoes.

Julian Fawcett has returned from the Station Hospital at Fort Hayes. He now has four brand new stereo teeth replacing the ones he lost in the soft ball game at Camp Cranberry. He reported that James Foster's condition, remained about the same and that another operation would be necessary.

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# DIARY OF COMPANY 2598

BY ED BALLARD

On March 15, 1938 an official letter to the Commanding officer arrived at Camp Seneca, saying that cadres would be formed in all camps to move on to new camps, as soon as ever head could be trained to take their place. They were immediately selected and put to work. The cadre selected was in great suspense as to where and when they would move out. It was not until the 25 of July that these orders were received. At that time the cadre were living in tents across the creek from Seneca, keeping their own records and were already known as Company 2598.

Upon receipt of the orders, great excitement was manifested in the packing of tents, equipment, etc., and the cadre moved to Droop Mt. July 29, 1938. They arrived about 10 A.M. and immediately started to work building the new camp. A cold lunch had been prepared at Seneca, but that evening they ate their first hot meal in Camp Price. The cadre personnel was as follows: Captain E.R. Hower, Commanding officer, Lt. V.A. Merendino, Ed Ballard, Thurman Wright, Odie Clarkson, Glenn Williams, Forest Diehl, Bill Fortner, Lawrence Cohenour, Neeson Workman, George Justice, Jerold Bostic, Lyndell Harold, Ray Vandevener, Tiny Fawcett, Mark Pace, Tony Willis, Loman Williams, John Swyers, Leonard Posey, Otis Wills, Dana Morrison, Leslie Miller and Billie



THE TENT CITY

Matthews.

Lt. Cullipher and Mr. Workman, Educational Adviser arrived the next week.

On August 19, the first group of enrollees arrived in camp, from Kanawha county, and the next day another group came from Mason county. On the 30th 16 local men were employed and another bunch of rookies from Parkersburg arrived giving Price a full company.

Work was now started on the buildings, and it progressed with great rapidity. On the 12 of September, the Mess Hall was completed and the first meal was served indoors. On the 21st of September, the enrollees moved into the barracks. In one month's time a small city had been built.

Work for the state had started on August 19, and the road thru camp was now finished, and the road to State Route 219 was under construction.

On October 5th, three trucks took enrollees to Elkins for the Forest Festival and to see our float win second place.

On October 21 the camp educational program was expanded to include class in typing and First Aid.

On the same day, the Cannon-Ball, camp paper, made its appearance. On Oct. 25, an amateur night was held. The first of many.

The enrollees were first introduced to the art of fire fighting, on Oct. 28th, when two crews fought fire for two days.

On November 6th, the celebration of the 72 Anniversary of the Battle of Droop Mt. was held. A great number of visitors were present.

Nov. 11th. First talkie.  
Nov. 28th. Turkey-dinner.  
Dec. 19th. Christmas party held in the Rock Hall. 200 guests were present. All of the children were given toys and the ladies were presented handkerchiefs. Refreshments were served at 9:30, and a square dance completed the evening. The next day many enrollees left to spend Christmas at home.

It was during the holidays that Camp Price experienced the worst blizzard in its history. About three feet of snow fell in the space of an hour. An army truck was completely snowed under. The temperature was down to 30 below zero.

After the enrollees returned from Christmas leave, there were times when they did not work for three or four weeks straight because of the sub-zero weather.

On January 12th, the most exciting experience of the company took place 55 enrollees were transferred from this camp to Black Canyon Siding, Idaho.

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CANNON BALL

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## MY QUEST FOR LOVE

A TRUE STORY  
BY AN ENROLLEE

I'm leaving the CCC, and the real reason for it is not because I'm going to school or going to get a job - although I'm going to do both, but because of my love life while in the CCC. All of my twenty years of life have been spent searching for the perfect love-pal. Several times I thought that I had found the girl of my dreams, and each time the idol of my heart had feet of clay. I like the CCC and would like to stay in but I feel that if I were not in camp, my love life would have progressed a great deal better.

The first love of my life was Hazel, a lovely brunette. We were childhood sweethearts and this continued all through our high school days. When I left for camp, with tears in her eyes, she promised to be true. And she was for a while. I received letters every day - candy once a week, and I wrote her every night. But then the letters started to get fewer and fewer. I was worried. I didn't know what to think. Then came the news - from my mother, that she was married. I was heart-broken but decided that none should be aware of my broken heart. I was gay and met a girl

in Cameltown and gave her a great rush, and for a while was infatuated with her. But I decided that I would not be caught on the rebound, and, as I did not love her, gave her up.

Then I met Mary Ramees who lived in Marlinton. She was tall and stately and with her poise and grace, I fell for her hard but soon I discovered that she did not love me and was dating a local boy at the same time.

One week in Durbin, I met a girl named Ruth, who lived in Arbervales; and again I fell madly in love at first sight. I met her when I could - took her to shows and took her to the county fair - again I thought I had found a true love. But alas - her love was not strong. When I came to Price her love grew weaker. Absence does not make the heart grow stronger. Her love for me died when I did not get to see her so often, and she fell for a Seneca sergeant.

It was months before my poor broken heart was again whole. Then while home for a week end, I met Lib, a beautiful blond who lived in Spanishburg. I thought she was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. I was madly in love and my love was returned. We wrote daily, and I lived in a castle of dreams - until one dire week-end, I went home to see her and found that my younger brother had beaten my time. The green eyed monster arose within me, but I decided that she too, was not the girl I was seeking.

So now you know why I am leaving camp. I will go on a crusade into Kentucky seeking the ideal girl. My time in camp is too full for me to spend much time on this quest, so that is why I will seek elsewhere. If I do not find the girl of my dreams there - I will go to school - always hoping that some day my dreams will come true.

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Can you find six words below that are incorrectly spelled?

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| 1. calender  | 5. mabeey         |
| 2. athletics | 6. advance        |
| 3. decieve   | 7. superintendent |
| 4. seperate  | 8. reccommend     |

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CAMP BLACK MOUNTAIN

Camp Black Mountain was dedicated October 18, 1936. At that time CCC 2589 introduced an innovation in the matter of camp openings by raising a flag on a 60 foot pole in the center of its group of buildings and formally presented the camp to the Department of War and Department of Agriculture.

Ground for this camp was broken on August 13 and so rapidly has the work of construction gone along that at that time, thirteen of the proposed fifteen buildings were practically completed.

Located on the beautiful Williams River, ten miles west of Edray, Pocahontas County, the site selected for camp F 15 is ideal from every stand point. The camp is built at an altitude of 3,100 feet at the Black Mountain, which towers 4,600 feet above sea level. Leaving State and Federal Route 219 at Edray the camp is reached over an easily traveled road much of which has been rocked by CCC workers, making the trip through the mountains a very delightful journey. A short distance from the State Highway on the road leading to the camp is located the U. S. Fish Hatchery, which is rated one of the most modern hatcheries in the United States.

Visitors who attended the dedicatory services had an opportunity to inspect the hatchery or enjoy a picnic along the waters of picturesque Williams River. The camp was open for inspection at noon and guides were furnished to show visitors through the quarters of the 230 young men stationed there and get some idea of how they live when not engaged in the work of building roads

and trails, telephone lines, fire protection, re-forestation and other duties in connection with the varied program which is being carried on by the War Department and Forestry Service.

The attractive buildings are painted a forest green in striking contrast with the brilliant red fire equipment which has been installed. When the new road--Richwood and Marlinton highway is completed to Marlinton, wonderful scenic views will meet the eye of the tourist about six miles from Mill Point the new road is cut through solid rock; The side of a great cliff of rocks is cut away.

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CAMP PRICE

*Drop Mountain Battlefield Park*

Camp Price is four miles south of Hillsboro, and fifteen miles south of Marlinton, West Virginia.

The Advance Army detail arrived at the Camp Site on July twenty ninth, 1935. On August nineteenth, 209 CCC enrollees arrived along with the personnel of the State Forest Service.

For the next ten days the enrollees were busy getting acquainted, being inoculated against disease of different kinds, and being introduced to the work and routine of Camp life. After ten days the Camp took on the aspect of a very busy place under the watchful eyes of the Company Commander and the Camp Superintendent the different buildings necessary for a Camp were soon taking form. Today, there are eleven buildings which are used by the Army division of the CCC and nine buildings which are necessary for the forestry work. The Army buildings erected by local skilled labor, but the enrollees have more pride in the Forestry Buildings because a large percentage of the work was done by them.

Excessive rains during the early history of Camp Price, soon made it apparent that a good road must be built into camp. Today, Camp Price is one of the few camps in the state which has a road that has been in perfect condition thru the winter snows and spring thaw. This road has a sound rock base with a top coat of shale and is wide enough for all purposes. Another modern convenience in Camp Price is commercial electricity. To secure this important item one mile of high tension power line has been built.

It is the wish and purpose of the Conservation Commission to make the Droop Mountain Battlefield a historical shrine and public

recreation center. One crew of men has been working toward that end since last September. During that time over four hundred cords of wood have been cut in ridding the park of dead chestnut trees, logs and slashings from a former saw mill operation. The entire wooded part of the park area, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres has been carefully thinned and all deformed, dead and diseased trees have been removed. Over ten thousand tree seedlings have been secured and planted. There is still a large area to be planted. Before all planting of trees is complete, the Conservation Commission intends to have a group of each variety of trees found in West Virginia on the Droop Mountain Park.

To make the beauty of the woodland and historical points of interest accessible to the public, two and one half miles of road has been built. The new road system is so coordinated with route 219 that the public can now drive around the entire park area. Massive log entrance portals have been erected at the two points where the park roads intersect the highway. For those who enjoy a walk thru the woods over two miles of foot trail has been constructed. Along these trails can be seen the carefully preserved graves of unknown soldiers.

To lessen the danger of fire, over four miles of fire break has been built around the park.

Not all of the work of Camp Price is confined to the development of the park. Briery Knob, the fourth highest point in West Virginia, and a forest area of over two hundred square miles surrounding it, has no roads or other facilities to aid in fire suppression and other forest and stream improvements. Throughout the entire winter, work has gone steadily forward on the building of a

truck trail to Briery Knob which will eventually connect with a trail being built from Richwood. Four miles of this road has been completed. If the public wishes to view some of the most beautiful scenery in West Virginia, they should drive over this trail during the summer months.

Trying to reach a fire by walking over an unbroken country is hard work and often takes a long time which delays an attack. To help under such conditions a combination horse trail and fire break is being constructed from Briery Knob to the Trout Valley road. Over nine miles of this work has been completed.

No fire suppression program is complete without the advantage of telephone lines. During the winter over three hundred and fifty telephone poles have been cut and prepared for the construction of nineteen miles of telephone line.

We have all seen the destruction of the chestnut trees by blight. Many other trees of our forest are riddled with diseases of different kinds. Twenty thousand acres have been carefully gone over and all diseases eradicated as closely as possible.

Droop Mountain and the surrounding forest was covered with from six inches to four feet of snow for many weeks during the winter of 1935-36. During that time over six hundred pounds of food was distributed to the game birds and other wild life. Regular trips were made to the feeding points and shelters, and the men in charge have been welcomed visitors to hundreds of quail, grouse, and wild turkeys.

The spring flood waters were not high enough to reach Camp Price. However, the Camp did its bit by sending a crew of men and four trucks to Wheeling to aid in the rehabilitation of the flooded district.

Camp Price has an excellent corps of Army and Forestry Personnel. The commanding officer is Captain Howery; the superintendent is H. C. Kelley. They have an ideal Camp and a fine group of enrollees. The welcome sign is always out to the public.

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